

LBJ, Room 6W208D, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Jennifer Timmons, (202)-987-1295.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Liquidation Extension Request Template.

*OMB Control Number:* 1810-0771.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments *Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 104.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 2,080.

*Abstract:* This is a request for approval for an extension of the OMB approved 1810-0771 collection by the Office of State and Grantee Relations (SGR) in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) at the U.S. Department of Education (ED) for the Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) fund and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act of 2020, Public Law 116-136, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and

Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The CARES-ESSER (ALN 84.425D) program is a \$13 billion formula grant program allocated to State educational agencies (SEA) for use in responding to and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES-GEER (ALN 84.425C) program is a \$2.9 billion formula grant program allocated to Governors for the purpose of providing local educational agencies (LEAs), institutions of higher education (IHEs), and other education related entities with emergency assistance to address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. A liquidation extension request will be required in order for an SEA or Governor's office to receive approval to liquidate funds beyond the 120-day liquidation period following the period of availability of September 30, 2022. The Department will use the grantee's request to review and recommend approval for a liquidation extension request.

Dated: October 4, 2022.

**Kun Mullan,**

*PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The collections in this package are applicable to contract management in DOE, collected by DOE to monitor and manage the safety performance of its contractors and to fulfill federal reporting requirements. The information obtained from DOE contractors is used by Department management at the appropriate levels to manage the work pertaining to environment, safety and health throughout DOE and will include automated reporting of information into the following systems: Computerized Accident/Incident Reporting System (CAIRS); Occurrence Reporting and Processing System (ORPS); Radiation Exposure Monitoring System (REMS); Annual Fire Protection Summary Application; Safety Basis Information

System; and DOE OPEXShare Lessons Learned System.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before December 6, 2022. If you anticipate any difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Baldev Dhillon, EHSS-74, Germantown Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585-1290, or by email at [Baldev.Dhillon@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Baldev.Dhillon@hq.doe.gov), or information about the collection instruments may be obtained at <https://energy.gov/ehss/information-collection>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Baldev Dhillon, EHSS-74, (301) 903-0990, [Baldev.Dhillon@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Baldev.Dhillon@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.:* 1910-0300.
  - (2) *Information Collection Request Titled:* Environment, Safety and Health.
  - (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal.
  - (4) *Purpose:* The collections are used by DOE to exercise management oversight and control over its contractors in the ways in which the DOE contractors provide goods and services for DOE organizations and activities in accordance with the terms of their contract(s); the applicable statutory, regulatory and mission support requirements of the Department.
  - (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 775.
  - (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 73,040.
  - (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 33,771.
  - (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$151,448.
- Statutory Authority:* Section 641 of the Department of Energy Organization

Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7251, and the following additional authorities:

*Computerized Accident/Incident Reporting System (CAIRS)*: DOE Order 231.1B (November 28, 2012).

*Occurrence Reporting and Processing System (ORPS)*: DOE Order 232.2A (October 4, 2019).

*Radiation Exposure Monitoring System (REMS)*: 10 CFR part 835; DOE Order 231.1B (November 28, 2012).

*Annual Fire Protection Summary Application*: DOE Order 231.1B (November 28, 2012).

*Safety Basis Information System*: 10 CFR part 830; DOE Order 231.1B (November 28, 2012).

*DOE OPEXShare Lessons Learned System*: DOE Order 210.2A (April 8, 2011).

### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on September 29, 2022, by Todd N. Lapointe, Acting Director, The Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC on October 4, 2022.

**Treena V. Garrett**,

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Capabilities of Universities and Private-Sector Firms for Providing Technical Assistance to States, U.S. Territories, Indian Tribes, and Other Eligible Entities To Enhance the Resilience of Electricity Delivery Systems

**AGENCY:** Grid Deployment Office (GDO), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking information from universities and private-sector firms, including non-profit

organizations, on their capabilities for providing assistance to States, U.S. Territories, Indian Tribes, and other eligible entities to enhance their ability to plan and implement strategies for improving the resilience of systems that deliver electric power. Towards that aim, DOE requests that interested parties provide responses to the set of questions presented within this notice. DOE intends to use this information to ascertain the best available resources and approach for carrying out a technical assistance program under the Infrastructure Improvement and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA).

**DATES:** Responses to the RFI must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on November 21, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are to submit responses to the following email address: [40101TA@hq.doe.gov](mailto:40101TA@hq.doe.gov). Include “40101 TA RFI” in the subject line of the email. Responses must be provided as a Microsoft Word (.docx) or PDF attachment to the email, and no more than 10 pages in length, 12-point font, 1-inch margins. It is recommended that attachments with file sizes exceeding 25MB be compressed (*i.e.*, zipped) to ensure message delivery. Only electronic responses will be accepted. For ease of replying and to aid categorization of your responses, please copy and paste the RFI questions, including the question numbering, and use them as a template for your response. Respondents may answer as many or as few questions as they wish. Respondents are requested to provide the following information at the start of their response to this RFI:

- Company/institution name.
- Company/institution contact.
- Contact’s address, phone number, and email address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joe Paladino, (202) 586-0020, [40101TA@hq.doe.gov](mailto:40101TA@hq.doe.gov). Submitting inquiries to the email address is preferred.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the IIJA section 40101, Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid, is to help States, U.S. Territories, Indian Tribes, and other entities eligible to receive funding deploy a variety of measures to improve the resilience of the electric grid against disruptive events in which the operations of the electric grid are disrupted, preventively shut off, or cannot operate safely due to extreme weather, wildfire, natural disasters, or cyber-attacks.<sup>1</sup> These measures may

range from hardening assets to deploying more advanced practices and grid technologies, including energy storage systems and microgrids, for improving resilience.

Under this program, DOE is interested in helping entities better understand the implication of threats to their electricity delivery system and determine strategies for improving its resilience. This may include the formulation of planning guidelines that set priorities for mitigating impacts to critical facilities and services, as well as for investments that will lead to measurable enhancements in the resilience of infrastructure intended to provide reliable electric power. In addition, DOE will encourage the application of energy justice principles in efforts to determine and implement resilience measures so that the benefits derived from them are realized in an equitable manner by all.<sup>2</sup>

The technical assistance envisioned would apply expert capabilities in several areas including, for example:

1. Forecasting methods and tools to determine customer electricity demand, the adoption of distributed energy resources, and weather/climate parameters (*e.g.*, temperature, rainfall, windspeed, flooding/inundation) at national, regional, and local levels.
2. Risk assessment methods, tools, and processes to examine risks and their impacts on energy infrastructure, essential human services (*e.g.*, water supply and emergency services), and vulnerable populations to prioritize resilience investments.
3. Modeling and simulation methods and tools to determine the severity and impact of threats on energy and electricity infrastructure at national, regional, and local levels.
4. Methods and tools for multi-objective decision analysis to enable the prioritization of electric infrastructure investment options across a range of policy objectives.
5. Methods and tools for addressing energy equity (*e.g.*, relating to procedural, distributive, and restorative energy justice principles) in the determination of resilience measures.<sup>3</sup>
6. Cost-effectiveness methods and tools to ascertain the appropriateness and benefit of infrastructure investments to aid decision-making.

*house-bill/3684/text*. IIJA Section 40101 defines an eligible entity as being (a) an electric grid operator, (b) an electricity storage operator, (c) an electricity generator, (d) a transmission owner or operator, (e) a distribution provider, (f) a fuel supplier, and (g) any other relevant entity, as determined by DOE.

<sup>2</sup> Information on DOE’s Justice40 Initiative is available at: <https://www.energy.gov/diversity/justice40-initiative>.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>1</sup> The entirety of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Public Law 117-58, is available at: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/>